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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EPAP SOCI EALR LA  
SUBJECT: LPDR REVISES ESTIMATE FOR 1977 RICE HARVEST SHORTFALL;  
PHILIPPINES TO ASSIST

REF: VIENTIANE 1244

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE TOLD US NOVEMBER 28 THAT LPDR AUTHORITIES TOLD HIS ORGANIZATION AND THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES IN LAOS NOVEMBER 2 THAT THE LPDR EXPECTED THE 1977 RICE HARVEST SHORTFALL TO BE 300,000 TONS VICE 367,500 TONS ESTIMATED IN AN EARLIER LPDR/UNDP REPORT (REFTEL).
2. THE UN RESREP TOLD US NOVEMBER 25 THAT THE LPDR HAD UPDATED ITS FIGURES AND WOULD ANNOUNCE A NEW SHORTFALL

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ESTIMATE SOON.

3. THE RESREP ADDED THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE 200 TONS OF NO. 36 AND NO. 38 RICE SEED TO LAOS. ON CHECKING WITH THE FILIPINOS, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE PHILIPPINES WILL ONLY ASSIST IN THE TRANSPORT OF THE SEEDS AND THAT THE UN IS ARRANGING FOR

THE PURCHASE OF THE SEEDS.

4. COMMENT: THE HARVEST IS NORMALLY COMPLETED IN LATE DECEMBER BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE JANUARY BECAUSE OF LATE PLANTING. IN THE VIENTIANE AREA, EVEN THE CROP THAT SURVIVED THE DROUGHT APPEARS TO HAVE PRODUCED LITTLE GRAIN. UNSEASONAL RAINS NOVEMBER 26 AND 27 IN THE VIENTIANE AREA REPORTEDLY DAMAGED RICE THAT HAD BEEN HARVESTED AND LEFT TO DRY IN THE FIELDS.

5. COMMENT: THE REPORTED INTENTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO FINANCE THE TRANSPORT OF RICE SEED TO THE LPDR IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WE HAVE NOTED OF AN ASEAN STATE RESPONSE TO THE LPDR/UN APPEAL.  
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